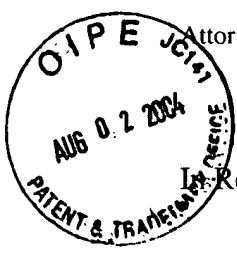


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In response to the Election Requirement mailed July 22, 2004, applicant(s) hereby elects to prosecute Group I claims 4-10 drawn to a level of an integrated circuit having a plurality of features. As such, applicant(s) elects to withdraw Group II claims 14-16 drawn to an integrated circuit comprising a plurality of levels of features.

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